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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND REMOTELY  
RETRIEVING SURVEILLANCE VIDEO IMAGES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 13, 16, 17, and 27 as follows, and add new Claims 31-50 as shown below:

546 B' 1. (Amended) A video surveillance and monitoring system, comprising:  
a private network that enables communication with surveillance cameras corresponding to geographic sites, wherein at least two surveillance cameras correspond to geographically distinct sites; and

a<sup>1</sup> a centralized off-site control site, including an image database and at least one server, said at least one server being coupled to said private network and to a public network, said at least one server being operative to initialize communications between the surveillance cameras and at least one off-site client workstation coupled to said public network, to coordinate the retrieval of video images from said surveillance cameras, to produce said retrieved video images as live images to the at least one client workstation, and to archive said retrieved video images in said image database for subsequent production to at least one client workstation coupled to said

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